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Initial Report

Officer P14 ATKINS, JOHN P. Date 07/21/2016

On 07/21/2016 at approximately 9:40 am, I, Detective Atkins, received a fax from DCFS (see attached) reference a reported sexual abuse, that was reported to the DCFS hot line on 07/20/2016 at 5:04 pm. The reporting person, Beverly Schneider, advised that she has baby-sat Madeline Kramer for the past year and a half, and that Madeline's parents, Kevin Kramer and Julia Eickmeier, have been going through a court case. Schneider advised that Eickmeier suspects Kramer of sexually abusing Madeline and that Eickmeier wants to stop Kramer's visitations. Schneider advised that she was set to testify on Eickmeier's behalf on 07/18/2016, but Kramer's attorney blocked her testimony. It should be noted that I was also at the court hearing on 07/18/2016 and Schneider's testimony was not blocked and that the court case was continued to August 31st, 2016 due to the Judge having a busy schedule. During the hearing the Judge advised Eickmeier not to violate the court ordered visitation order and confirmed with Kramer's attorney to have Eickmeier cited for the custody agreement violation.

Schneider advised that on 07/11/2016 she had picked up Madeline from Eickmeier's residence. Schneider advised that Madeline stated that she (Madeline) wanted to go to Kramer's house and "play with his snake." Schneider advised that Madeline stated that Kramer puts the "snake" into her mouth and "gags" her and that Kramer put the "snake" up her dress. Schneider advised that Madeline advised that Kramer put his fingers up her dress and that Kramer's fingers have "boo-boos." Schneider advised that when Madeline comes back from a visit with Kramer, her eyes are glazed over and crossed eyed for several days until Madeline "comes out of it." Schneider advised that Madeline goes up to men she don't know and tries to grab their penis.

I conducted a computer search on Schneider and I didn't locate anything in the Peru Police Computer. I

conducted an SOS image search on Schneider (see attached) and I recognized her from being at the Eickmeier/Kramer court hearing on 07/18/2016.

I spoke to DCFS Investigator Yerly and she advised that she is aware of the numerous documented allegations that Eickmeier has made. Inv. Yerly advised that she had spoke to LaSalle County Assistant State's Attorney Deny who advised that another CAC interview does not need to be completed, due to the last CAC was conducted on 05/31/2016, and no disclosure was made.

I called Kramer's attorney, Bob Steele, to advised him of the complaint and get his permission to speak to Kramer about the allegation. Attorney Steele was not in his office and I was advised that he was currently in court, which I left a message for him to contact me.

At approximately 10:00 am, I observed Kramer in the west parking lot, waiting for his court ordered visitation. At approximately 10:10 am I met with Kramer in the parking lot and asked him if he was waiting for Eickmeier to arrive for the child custody exchange, which he advised that he was. I advised Kramer of the new allegations and asked him if he would be willing to speak to me about the allegations, which he advised that he would. I advised Kramer that I contacted his attorney, advised him of the allegations, but I haven't received a called back, which Kramer stated he understood.

At approximately 10:11 am I directed Kramer to the interview room, advised him that the interview room is video/audio recorded, and he stated that he understood. I advised Kramer that he was not under arrest and was free to leave at anytime, which he stated that he under stood. Due to Kramer being at the Peru Police Department on his own free will, I didn't advise him of his Miranda rights. The following is a synopsis of the interview and not verbatim:

I asked Kramer when was the last he had seen Madeline and he advised that he was with Madeline on 07/19/2016 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Kramer advised that Eickmeier had called him numerous times on 07/21/2016 and then showed up with Madeline at his work (Wesclox, Peru, Illinois). Kramer stated that he called his mother and Father, Mary and Joe Kramer, who came to his work to see Madeline. I asked Kramer if he was ever alone with Madeline on 07/19/2016 and he advised that he was not. I asked Kramer when was the last time Madeline was with him during his court ordered visitation and he advised on 06/24/2016. Kramer advised that he was supposed to have Madeline on Thursday at 10:00 am through Sunday at 6:00 pm every other week, but Eickmeier has been violating the court order.

I asked Kramer if he has a snake at his residence and he stated that he doesn't. I asked Kramer if he has a stuffed animal snake or anything he calls a snake at his residence and he stated he doesn't. I asked Kramer about a candle and he stated he doesn't have a candle at his residence, and Madeline doesn't play with any candles. I asked Kramer if he has any cuts on his hands and he stated that he does not. I checked his hand and I did not observe any fresh cut/injuries, scars, old cuts/injuries, or any recently healed cuts/or injuries.

I asked Kramer if Madeline had ever gotten cold sores, which he advised that he didn't know. I asked Kramer if he knew who watches Madeline for Eickmeier and he stated that he does not. I asked Kramer if he had ever witnessed Madeline grab anyone's penis and he stated that he had not. I asked Kramer if Madeline had ever grabbed his penis and he stated that she had not. I asked Kramer if he had ever witnessed Madeline masturbate and he advised that he had not. Kramer advised that he observed Madeline scratch/touch her vaginal area, but not masturbate. I asked Kramer if he had ever observed Madeline "dry humping" any stuffed animals and he advised that he had not.

I asked Kramer when was the last contact he had with Eickmeier and he advised that Eickmeier had texted him this morning at approximately 5:59 am. Kramer advised that Eickmeier texted: "Madeline is screaming and crying doesn't want to go. From her room in a very disturbing way" I asked Kramer if he could forward the text to my e-mail and he did (see attached).

I ended the interview at approximately 10:29 am and I shut off the video/audio recorder. I advised Kramer that I would investigate the complaint and that DCFS wanted to speak to him, which he stated was fine.

I contacted DCFS Inv. Yerly, advised her of my interview with Kramer, and we determined that we would speak to Schneider on 07/22/2016.

I completed a PERS form (see attached) and a Avigilon form (see attached) and I placed the Kramer interview into evidence as Item #1.

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